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The steamship Breakwater came into port yesterday morning about 4:03 o'clock, and blew the "Adam's-apple" out of her whistle all the way up from quarantine ground; then she tied up at the O. R. & N. pier and laid there till well on toward noon, before Captain Macgean even thought of pulling out for Portland. The genial captain will "whistle" himself out of friends in this port if he does not choke off that blithering, blasted blast he indulges in every time he reaches this harbor. We know he is coming without all that hullabaloo. He brought in big business from the Coos country.

The fine German steamship Alesia, of the Portland-Asiatic line, entered this harbor on Sunday morning last from Hong Kong, flying almost light. She came direct, with only 50 or 60 tons of mixed cargo on board. The Alesia is to make a special voyage to Vladivostok with a cargo of flour, and will then resume her run in this service. She fet her way in here Sunday morning, making four stabs at it through the lifting and falling fogs.

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**MAY SECURE JAPS
TO CLEAR LAND**

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of Soil on Free Lease.**

At the regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce last night a plan of colonizing Japanese upon the logged-off lands in the vicinity of Astoria was introduced and it seemed to meet with instant favor from some of the leading members of the organization. The manager of the Chamber, Mr. Whyte, had received a letter from a Japanese in Seattle inquiring if it would be possible to lease such lands in this locality free or cheaply, and asking that the matter be presented to the Astoria Chamber. Mr. Whyte replied to this first letter and in turn received a second communication, which was read last night, as follows:

"Dear Gentlemen:
"We receive your letter dated 4th, will says reply that we can get many partys for lease on the lands and to clear stumps, and longing-outs. But we ask you how far from Portland City and how fa from railroad or to wharf? and how many acres you has? How long can you give lease? can you build houses and can they get water for living? and when can we send partys to see lands? Please let us know at once. We will furnish promptly. We will send any time any of the partys. Hoping you kindly answer."

As far as can be judged from the correspondence it is evident the Japanese are intimating that they wish to get lands on a free lease providing they clear them of the stumpage.

If that be the offer of the Japanese who is doing the writing—he is an employment agent for his country, according to his letterheads—it seems evident that many owners of logged-off lands will be glad of the chance to consider the matter. More than one man said at the meeting last night that they could get all the lands they may want free for just as many years as they want them if they will clear them of the stumps.

The plan seems to offer unlimited opportunities, though it may seem a little bit odd that the Japs are writing to Astoria from Seattle for such an opportunity.

But there is another side of the matter, which was fully recognized by the gentlemen who were talking last night. It may be taken as a foregone conclusion that there will be a mighty protest from a certain part of the local population if the influx of Japs is brought about, but at the same time it is evident that such a protest could avail the protesters very little. The Japanese, it is said, would compete with no one here, and it is constantly pointed out with much emphasis that the local men who might be the first to voice a strenuous objection to the importation of Japanese laborers would be the last to take up the work of clearing the logged-off lands. It is further pointed out that most of the foreigners who are here do not take kindly or naturally to the soil and that in all the years since this section has been their habitation few of them have gone into the woods axe in hand, or have learned the use of giant powder in blowing up stumps. The sea and the river are their natural farms. Hence it is felt by the owners of lands that it is imperative that men be invited here who will take to the land and improve it. The Chamber of Commerce as an organization will probably have little to do with the matter, if it progresses as is now hoped, but will leave it with the individuals who are directly interested. In California Japanese have taken up lands that were considered virtually worthless by many of the whites, and have improved them to a wonderful degree. One Japanese actually controlled the potato market of that state a year ago, having raised an immense quantity of the tubers on cheap lands.

"I have 200 acres up Young's river," said one man last night, "and a lot of it is the finest kind of tide lands. I never have been able to get anybody to lease it at any price, and year after year I pay taxes on it. If Japs want it on any reasonable terms the can have it on long lease if they improve it."

Another important matter considered last night was the Chautauqua down near Delaura Beach. The Columbia Trust Company, which owns or controls the land, has offered the use of a fine Chautauqua site, and has formally agreed to construct an auditorium, athletic grounds, a boarding house, to provide tents, and to provide tenting grounds free, and to

do all other necessary things in relation to the plan but asks in turn that Astoria or some persons agree to bring Chautauqua attractions to the grounds. The conventional Chautauqua programs or entertainments are usually very interesting and instructive. They are meant to be instructive as well as entertaining—the educational idea, in one form or another, usually being kept uppermost. To arrange such a program, say for days, including the bringing of various prominent speakers, will cost probably upwards of \$3000. To raise this sum was the question. The Rev. Conrad Owen of the First Baptist church made a proposition to the Chamber; first asking that it endorse the plan and appoint a board of directors, and these things have been done. Mr. Owen then agreed to try to secure the necessary \$3000 by selling 1000 season tickets at \$3 each. The board of directors are to retain in their hands the ordering and extent of the ten days' program, and if the program costs less than the \$3000 secured by Mr. Owen he is to retain what surplus of cash there is. If there is no surplus he gets nothing. The Chamber accepted his offer and voted to stand responsible for the first \$500. This apparently assures the Chautauqua for next summer, unless Mr. Owen fails to sell the 1000 tickets at \$3 each.

J. W. Welch brought up the question of appealing to Congress again on the matter of deepening the bar. Senator Fulton will be asked to do what he can, and the manager, Mr. Whyte, was requested to communicate with the various members of the Oregon delegation in an effort to secure their active interest. Mr. Whyte showed the pennant that was procured for presentation to the fish warden's ship, the Astoria and was requested to present it to the craft.

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